

Judicial Nomination Commission,
c/o Lois Menzies,
Office of Court Administrator,
P.O. Box 203005,
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Judicial Nomination Commission,

I am writing in support of Randy Randolph for the vacancy on the 17th Judicial District for District Court Judge. I had the pleasure of working with Randy for a year and a half while I was a Deputy County Attorney for Hill County in Havre, Montana. Randy is always courteous, friendly, and professional to work with as opposing counsel. In a profession where many attorneys work over-zealously for their clients and risk taking the adversarial process to new levels, Randy is the example of an advocate for his clients that other attorneys strive for. He is able to advocate positions for his clients effectively but is willing to come to a compromise in the spirit of resolving cases to avoid public expense of trial where unnecessary or undesirable. Randy was willing to come to a plea agreement in many cases, but he also had no hesitation in advocating for his client when he saw a legal or factual issue in a case that warranted judicial review. He was able to act reasonably, and with a level head in all cases I had with him, and he was always a pleasure to work with.

Not only does Randy have the professionalism and skill necessary to take the bench, but he also has the personality and positive community reputation that would make him an ideal candidate. Randy is able to balance work and personal affairs such that he always is pleasurable to be around and approaches cases with a level head. He would make an ideal judge because of his ability to approach a case without any initial bias, to assess the facts, and to make a decision that is best for his client under the law and the facts of the case. Randy would be able to handle the stress and case load of a District Court Judge, and he would no doubt take the challenges that come with it in stride. He is a capable attorney who has had almost two decades of experience working on the Hi-Line, and he is well respected in Havre as an attorney and citizen who gives back to the community. He has dedicated his career to public service as a contract public defender, and he has the experience necessary to take heavy criminal dockets in stride. I believe Randy is prepared to take his dedication to public service and the law to the bench, and he would make an excellent judge for the 17th Judicial District. I can think of no better candidate to recommend.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Gray
Deputy Cascade County Attorney